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1. GVN PRESENTED DIRGEN NUR WITH CHECK FOR US\$2 MILLION OCTOBER 23 UNDER COVER OF NOTE ASKING ICCS TO OBTAIN QTE EQUIVALENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND A SIMILAR COMMITMENT UNQTE FROM DRV AND NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT. NOTE SPECIFIES GVN PAYMENT IS AN ADVANCE TO ENABLE ICCS TO FACE ITS NEEDS, BUT DOES NOT, REPEAT NOT, TIE PAYMENT TO TOTAL BUDGET FIGURE.
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DEAR SIR,

IN RESPONSE TO THE LETTER DATED 10TH OCTOBER 1973 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION, I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS DECIDED TO ADVANCE A SUM OF US DOLLARS TWO MILLION (US\$2,000,000) TO ENABLE THE COMMISSION TO FACE ITS URGENT NEEDS. PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED HEREWITH A VIET-NAM THUONG TIN CHECK NO. FB. 068.312, DATED 20TH OCTOBER 1973, TO THAT EFFECT.

THE ABOVE MENTIONED SUM IS THUS THE SECOND CONTRIBUTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM TO THE COMMISSION, AND IT IS TO BE DEDUCTED FROM THE TOTAL BUDGET OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION WHEN THE BUDGET IS AGREED UPON BY THE FOUR PARTIES TO THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

IN ORDER TO MEET MORE ADEQUATELY THE FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE COMMISSION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE COMMISSION WILL ALSO ASK THE PARTIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET CONTRIBUTED TO DO SO, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PENDING A JOINT APPROVAL OF THE LEVEL OF THE BUDGET BY THE FOUR PARTIES TO THE PARIS AGREEMENT, WHICH WE HOPE SHOULD COME ABOUT PROMPTLY.

GIVEN THE URGENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM BELIEVES THAT AN EQUIVALENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND A SIMILAR COMMITMENT SHOULD BE SECURED FROM THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AND THE QTE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT. UNQTE.

THE COMMISSION MAY REST ASSURED THAT THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM IS TO DO FULLY ITS SHARE IN PROVIDING THE COMMISSION WITH THE NECESSARY MEANS TO CARRY OUT ITS DUTY UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND ITS RELATED PROTOCOLS TO WHICH THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS BEEN UNEQUIVOLCALLY COMMITTED.

YOURS SINCERELY, SIGNED CONFIDENTIAL

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END TEXT.
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